

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

AT THE **PALACE STORE,** COLBY, KAN.

Come one, come all.

Old Santa Claus in Attendance.

On Saturday next we will have one of the grandest displays of Holiday Goods ever shown in the west, consisting of

**Toys, Glass, Silver and China Ware. New Novelties.**

Call and see the show whether you wish to purchase or not.

**J. W. ALLEN & SONS, - At the Palace Store.**

## THE THOMAS COUNTY CAT.

—Hardware at N. D. Bean's.  
—Everything at the Red Front.  
—Nails at N. D. Bean's.  
—Wagon stock at N. D. Bean's.  
—What about the Christmas tree?  
—Fresh canned goods at Donelan's.  
—Buy the baby a doll, at the Palace.  
—All kinds of nails at I. H. Bullers.  
—H. B. Stout is clerking for M. Donelan.  
—Nails, locks, hinges, etc. at I. H. Bullers.  
—John Bean returned from Seward Tuesday.  
—Goodsoe loans money on chattel security.  
—Dr. Martin has returned from Missouri.  
—Holiday goods of all kinds at the post office.  
—W. A. Stanton has returned from Michigan.  
—That G. A. R. Post ought to be organized.  
—Legal papers of all kinds kept at the post office.  
—If you want candies or nuts go to the post office.  
—Fine line of cigars and tobacco at the post office.  
—McKinney has been fired as station agent at Oakley.  
—Second hand school books for sale at Smith & Walker's.  
—J. B. Irwin, of Illinois, brother of John, is here visiting.  
—Cooking stoves and heaters at N. D. Bean's.  
—Climax, Four X and Queen of the west flour at Donelan's.  
—Trial bottle of cough syrup free at Smith & Walker's.  
—Remember Donelan carries the best brands of flour.  
—Don't buy an overcoat until you see Donelan's new stock.  
—Remember the CAT office can do you first class job printing.  
—James Auld has gone to Ohio. He will be back in February.  
—Geo. Tool has gone to Oberlin, to be gone a couple of weeks.  
—M. Donelan has the thanks of ye editor for a large fat turkey.  
—Ralph Achen has been having a serious time with the erysipelas.  
—Thomas county furnishes excellent material for making brick.  
—A few more pieces of land wanted by H. E. Weld, Colby, Kans.  
—Frank Pingree has a few desirable claims for sale very cheap.  
—Tinware neatly and promptly repaired at N. D. Bean's.  
—If you want to start a contest call on Wilcoxson & Vancleave.  
—H. E. Weld buys and sells all kinds of wild and improved lands.  
—The CAT has added 49 names to its subscription list since last issue.  
—Fine stock gents' furnishing goods will be opened at Donelan's.  
—You ought to see the fine large mirrors at the Red Front furniture store.  
—N. J. Adams has just received a large stock of furniture of all kinds.  
—If you want to prove up on your land, call on Wilcoxson & Vancleave.  
—Harness, saddles and whips at N. D. Bean's.

—Go to J. W. Allen & Sons' for holiday goods of every description.

—“Expert” cooking stoves at I. H. Bullers'.

—Some sneak thieves have been taking corn from the freighters at Oakley.

—Rock Spring, Wyoming, coal, the best coal in the market, at Little & Co's.

—For law, land, loan or real estate business call on Wilcoxson & Vancleave.

—Wilcoxson & Vancleave will make out your land papers, and guarantee satisfaction.

—Railroad, school, and all kinds of wild and deeded lands for sale by H. E. Weld.

—I have some splendid seed corn for sale. Seed warranted good.

A. B. JARDINE.

—There is quite a settlement in the east part of this county from West Virginia.

—Leave your order for a No. 1 set of hand-made harness at

N. D. BEAN'S.

—School commenced last Monday with Miss Rilla Ward as teacher. There are 60 pupils enrolled.

—See M. Donelan for clothing. He is bound to run down his stock before invoicing.

—There is enough business done at the post office to make it a money order office.

—Call on I. H. Bullers and get an “Expert” the most wonderful baking stove ever invented.

—I have more town lots than anyone. Remember the place opposite the CAT office.

—All kinds of legal and land office papers promptly and accurately prepared by H. E. Weld.

—Postmaster Senter has received his new post office boxes. They will be put up this week.

—G. W. Goodsoe will make your papers for the land office, and furnish money to prove up.

—Mrs. N. J. Adams has arrived from Ohio. She will make her future home with her husband in Colby.

—Everybody knows the good qualities of Rock Spring, Wyoming, coal. For sale by Little & Co., Colby.

—If you want to sell your deeded land or school land Frank Pingree has a customer for you.

—The public land committee of the Senate is at work on the timber culture and pre-emption laws already.

—If you want a good horse, set of harness and double wagon, enquire of Frank Pingree, opposite THE CAT.

—Thos. Feehan and Mike McGreevy started for Chicago Wednesday. They will be absent for a couple of weeks.

—Settlers wishing government land in St John Co. Kansas, will do well to call on Beymer & Lewis, at Monument.

—Solomon in all his glory is left in the shade as to magnificence and splendor. The Palace Store is ahead.

—MONEY: If you need funds with which to make final proof or wish to secure a loan on your farm, call on or address, H. E. Weld, Colby, Kans.

—All kinds of toys for the children, also for the old folks, at J. W. Allen & Sons'.

—A side walk has been put down south of J. W. Allen & Sons' store, extending to the post office. Quite an improvement.



Wishes everybody a Merry Christmas.

—Remember that at J. W. Allen & Sons' is headquarters for Santa Claus. Give him a call.

—If you want to make a Christmas present you will find anything you want at the post office.

—We acknowledge a pleasant call from J. W. Gilmore, of Otterbourne, and his brother Thomas, of Nebraska City, Neb.

The melancholy days have come, He drops the silent tear; He's shelling out for Christmas gifts The cash he saved for beer.

—The Baptist denomination will hardly get a strong hold in western Kansas—not water enough in the streams.

—Mrs. James Wollen has been quite sick. Also a little daughter has been on the sick list. Both are much better.

—Competition dances again on Christmas night and new year's Eve; one at Huff's hall and the other at Bean's.

—Co. Attorney Porter and W. S. Wilcoxson are at Phillipsburg this week interviewing Judge Pratt, on school land business.

—Thomas was attached to Sheridan for judicial purposes, but has never been greatly attached to Sheridan county officers.

—Mrs. L. M. Clayton, of Wisconsin, mother of F. W. Ladd, is visiting with his family. She will take a homestead in this county.

—County Clerk Fike and C. C. Siggins went to Kennett yesterday to commence the work of transcribing the records from Sheridan county.

—If you want any blacksmithing done give H. B. Vance a call, next door to the CAT office. He is an excellent workman and his prices are reasonable.

—F. S. Weaver has rented the Colby House to J. C. Stowell, an experienced hotel man from Humboldt, Neb. Mr. Weaver will continue to reside in Colby.

—Taylor Vertrees, in assisting in branding his cattle, had the misfortune to have his leg broken. We are glad to learn that he is doing well.

—Christmas will soon be here, and of course you will want candies and nuts. At the post office you will find a splendid assortment, fresh, new and nice.

—Old Santa Claus will make his headquarters at J. W. Allen & Sons'. Those desirous of receiving a call from him on Christmas eve, will call early and send their orders.

—Charlie Hovey, who is now a resident of Colby, Kansas, was in Seward Thursday shaking hands with his numerous friends. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hovey.—Blade.

## COAL! COAL! COAL!

We have our coal house well filled with the well known Cherokee Nut and Lump coal, which we will sell at bottom prices. Call and see us just north of the CAT office.

SMITH & CO.

—A mail route to the eastern part of the county is needed badly. The settlers in that portion of the county have to go from ten to twenty miles for their mail.

—R. S. Newell is a son-in-law of Dr. Edwards. Mr. Newell is highly pleased with the appearance of Thomas county and the prosperity of Colby. He has shown his faith by investing his money.

—Mr. A. W. Patchin now has charge of the Central Drug Store. He is a pleasant gentleman, conversant with the drug business, having had an experience of several years.

—Final proof can now be made before the Probate Judge of Thomas county, Kansas, at Colby. W. G. Porter will make out your papers and attend to the business promptly and satisfactorily. 401f

—Copies of the CAT can now be purchased at the postoffice and at Smith & Walker's. They are also authorized to receive subscriptions and receipt for the same.

—The Oberlin World has made its appearance. It is well edited and neat. The McBride boys are keen fellows and thorough newspaper men, and we hear the dry bones cracking already.

—The amount of vacant government land in Thomas county is given as seven thousand acres. The amount of vacant land in Sheridan is about twice that amount. Thomas was attached to Sheridan for judicial purposes you know.

—Queer how some people strive to be first. A fellow in this county struck another fellow with a spade, in order to be the first man arrested for assault and battery in the county.

—A new town has been started in Sherman county on section 36, town 8, range 40. The young thing is to be called Leonard. One drug store, a hardware store, two general merchandise stores, etc., are said to be starting there.

W. H. Copeland advertises his land business in good shape this week. He has some of the choicest tracts of land in the county for sale, and when he tells you the lay of the land, you can bank that it is as he tells you.

—Holiday goods at the Red Front furniture store. Everybody call and see the elegant clock shelves, paper holders, comb cases, towel racks, and all sorts of fancy brackets.

—Men who desire to see their wives smile sweetly will do well to call at the Red Front furniture store and select them a Christmas present from among the fancy center stands, easy rocking chairs, ladies' sewing stands and chairs.

—Ward, editor of the Kenneth Sentinel, is said to have been private secretary of ex-Governor St. John. Wonder if it sits around on boxes in the evening amusing the boys with yarns about how he dictated the Saint's prohibition policy.

—As soon as our friends in the east part of the county decide as to the proper place for a postoffice, Colby will put her shoulder to the wheel and help secure a mail route.

The school land cases came before Judge Pratt at Wa-Keeney, Wednesday, and an injunction was granted stopping the sale of Thomas county school land. The result as to Sherman county we have not learned. The “Kingdom of Thomas” is ahead.

There are six homesteaders in the east part of the county that did not start for Thomas county until April 26th, that have raised more corn on soil than they need for feeding purposes and are marketing the surplus in Colby. These six gentlemen traveled over two thousand miles, from West Virginia, an old settled country to a country entirely wild, and raised corn to sell.

—Names of parties who are witnesses on final proof cases should be written carefully. Several parties have failed to prove up on account of mistakes in notices. We print them as they come from the land office, and we presume the land officers follow the spelling of the applicant for proof. Take a little pains and it will save you money.

—It is stated that Wm. Street, formerly of the Kenneth Sentinel, is writing a book on northwest Kansas. Wm. ought to know something of the northwest, having been here for several years. He will probably refer to Brooks, of Sheridan, something in the same manner that Jeff Jenkins did of Romul Pitusus Westlake in his book, the “Northern Tier.”

—There is a movement on foot to prevent, if possible, the confirmation of Tully Scott as receiver of the U. S. land office at Oberlin. The late rulings of the department at Washington have been strictly enforced by the officials of the Oberlin land office, which they were compelled to do. The rulings were not made by Scott or Patchin. A great many homesteaders in the county will sign the circulating petition with a relish, thinking they are striking back, which is not the case, but wreaking vengeance on an innocent head. Scott has made a good officer and should be confirmed.

—Our friend, A. L. Patchin, who has been connected with the drug store now owned by Jennings & Ross, during the past summer, started for Colby, Thomas county, where he takes charge of one of the best drug stores in that county. He will also, we understand, place a filing on one quarter of Thomas county land. Mr. Patchin has made many friends during his few months sojourn in this city, and all were sorry he concluded to leave us. The Herald wishes him success, and lots of it.—Burr Oak Herald.

—The following is the programme for the literary society Tuesday evening, Dec. 22d:

W. G. Porter, Oration.  
E. A. Hall, Select Reading.  
Miss Annie Maris, Recitation.  
F. P. Greene, Oration.  
C. C. Siggins, Recitation.  
Miss Annie Colby, Poetical Selection.  
Phil Troutfetter, Song and dance. Title, “Meet you when the sun goes down.”

Question Box.  
I. H. Bullers, Song.  
Greene and Siggins, Paper.

## For Sale, Rent or Trade.

One feed mill, capacity ten bushels per hour. Two rooms, one 20x20 and one 16x16. Lots will be sold with mill. Enquire at J. W. Allen & Sons' store.

## STRAYED.

From my residence nine miles west of Colby, on Dec. 3d, one yoke of oxen, one large red steer, with brown horns branded on right hip, the other a light red steer with white on the back and crooked knees, both having yoke marks and about four years old. Anyone delivering the oxen or leaving information at Masters' stable, will be liberally rewarded. A. S. MOWLAND.

F. W. Warden and R. S. Newell, of Frankfort, Marshall county, Kans., have bought of the Colby Town Company a large interest in the lots of this town. These are gentlemen of substantial means and extended experience in the management of new towns. They will invest their money in building up Colby. With the aid these gentlemen will give to the already substantial boom that Colby has, forever insures the permanent success, of this place. Among the new enterprises started by these men is a brick yard of 200,000, the brick ready for sale early in the season. The most of these brick have already been spoken for. Dr. Edwards, one of our enterprising citizens, will use a large quantity of them in erecting a building next spring, while several other buildings of the same material are to be built when the season opens and the brick are ready for disposal. Mr. F. W. Warden will make Colby his headquarters.

## Advertised Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the postoffice at Colby on Dec. 1st, 1885.  
Johnston Foster, J. W. Dowler,  
S. E. Barber, C. W. Coon,  
Fate and Eric Brogan, Wes Blanchard,  
Joseph Travis, Wm Ward,  
O. Q. Turner, Edwin P. Rice,  
Jas H. Cline, Wm Smith,  
J. K. Miller, Joe Frean,  
A. J. Hall, Mrs. F. H. Lawrence,  
Walter Williams, Mrs. F. M. O'Connell,  
R. A. Swift, John Crawford,  
W. H. Palmer, Mrs. E. Montgomery,  
Frank Huskin, John Johnson,  
James H. Beann, Jacob Eckmoller,  
O. E. Little, J. W. Shields.  
Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say advertised.  
A. J. SENTER, P. M.

MR. EDITOR:—Who was author of the piece “Kingdom of Thomas?” Is it from Shakespeare and can it be found in McGuffey's second reader? Is it a damus a peculiar red underwear for legislators? JOHNIE.

The author of “Kingdom of Thomas” is Col. Wisly Wasly Ward, late private secretary of ex-Governor St. John. McGuffey was dead when Ward saddened the world by his presence. Mandamus is a term used in law. It is a command from a superior court to perform some specified duty. The word is sometimes slung into articles to scare juvenile and startle rural readers.

Treasurer Brooks, of Sheridan county will have to drive those dwarf mules another year. He will not get his little one per cent from the sale of Thomas county school lands.—CAT.

Bro. Worcester, your off. We heard it rumored that he has made arrangements for a span of Muley cows. We won't vouch for this however.—Kenneth Democrat.

Brooks hitched with another donkey would make a good team.

## Another R. R. Survey.

A party of railroad surveyors consisting of W. Brown, Howard Dunn, James Hannah and W. Simmons, all of Kansas City, and F. F. Mount, of Wa-Keeney, and J. T. Purcell, of Grainfield, chairman, were in town Friday and Saturday of last week and left for Colby Sunday morning. They surveyed one line from Sand creek into Kennett and reported a grade of fifty-five feet to the mile. Mr. Brown stated that his party was making a preliminary survey from Great Bend, on the A. T. & S. F. railway, to northwest Kansas, but was very reticent as to the objects or under what auspices it was being made.—Kenneth Sentinel.

## GEO. W. GOODSOE.

Attorney and Counselor at Law.

## NOTARY PUBLIC.

Real Estate bought and sold. Money loaned on chattel and real estate security.  
OFFICE OVER ALLEN & SONS' STORE,  
Colby, - - - Kansas.